

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
January 23, 2006

Present: Chair Cooney, Fort, Longley-Cook, Lord-Hausman, Moore, McGaughey

Absent/Excused: Berger, Bunker, Vice-Chair Gwynne , Steffens

Guests: Sean Lynch (APD)

MINUTES: The minutes of December 12, 2005 were approved with the following correction: Change Oral Communications Item No. 1 “Commission questioned why limited to 75 years or older and to include service animals.” to “Commissioner questioned ...”.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: (Chair Cooney)

Commission elected Ed Cooney - Chair and Jody Moore - Vice-Chair as 2006 officers.
Ayes 5, Nays 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of Accommodation Recommendations and Accessibility during Construction Guidelines and Policy Document:

Secretary informed commission that Public Works is reviewing the construction form. Chair Cooney will assist staff in providing costs of various Braille transcription/sign language interpreters.

Bylaws Modification:

Commission reviewed and verified proposed changes to the bylaws. Needs City Council approval. Secretary to follow up.

3. APD Volunteer Program:

Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman and Officer Sean Lynch informed the commissioners of the Alameda Police Department's volunteer program that allows participants to issue parking citations to vehicles illegally parked in disabled parking spaces. Volunteers must be graduates of the City's 10-week police academy program. The participants are also compiling an inventory of locations of disabled parking spaces and any maintenance requirements throughout the City.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook updated the commission informational flyer and requested staff to final changes.
2. Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook attended the January 18 Alameda Youth Collaborative meeting and informed the commission on the Alameda Safe School Environmental Team (ASSET) program whereby adults assist at-risk students.
3. A youth film festival will be held on February 25, 2006 at the Bay Theatre, Alameda Pointe.
4. Chair Ed Cooney reported that the audible signal at Park Street and Santa Clara Avenue intersection is not loud enough.
5. Commissioner Gina McGaughey informed the commissioners that she will be resigning from the commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 27, 2006 in Room 360, City Hall.

Sincerely,

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Public Works Director

Ed Somemrauer
Associate Civil Engineer

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